

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner McAvoy for her helpful explanations of the claim rejections in the Office Action dated March June 14, 2006, in her consideration of Applicants' application.


Further, Applicants wish to thank Examiner McAvoy for indicating that Claims 19, 22-24, 26, 29-31, 33, 36-38, 40, 43-45 are allowable. In an effort to achieve efficient prosecution of the allowable claims, Applicants have cancelled all of the rejected claims and amended Claims 19, 22-24, 26, 29-30, 33, 36-37, 40, 43-44 where appropriate so as to be independent and/or to include all of the limitations of the base claims. Support for such claim amendments is found at the originally filed Claims. Applicants also have added new Claims 46-75 which depend directly and/or ultimately from the allowable claims. Support for Claims 46-49 is found at original Claim 22. Support for Claims 50-55 is found at page 16, lines 1-14 of the originally filed application and at the originally filed claims. Support for Claims 56 and 57 is found at originally filed Claim 14. Support for Claims 58-69 is found at page 13, lines 19-23, of the originally filed application. Support for Claims 70-75 is found at page 16, lines 1-14 of the originally filed application and at the originally filed claims. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the above amendment.

Claims 19, 22-24, 26, 29-30, 33, 36-37, 40, 43-44, and 46-75 are now pending.

In addition, Applicants make no comment as to the merit of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated March June 14, 2006. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter related to the originally filed claims in a subsequent Continuation Application claiming priority to the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. Should anything further be required to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the below-signed by telephone.

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